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CASINO CARD GAME

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a card game. More specifically, the present invention relates to a card game at a casino.

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BACKGROUND ART

There are numerous card games involving one or more decks of playing cards and incorporating gaming or gambling with tokens. These card games may be suitable for the purposes for which they were designed, but have lost a certain measure of allure to the gaming public due to excessive long standing familiarity. It is thus desirable to provide a new and novel card game wherein a number of players each pit their hands against a dealer's

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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six to eight decks can be used. There can be deviation from this standard without departing from the general principle of the game. The player is then allowed to request additional cards in an attempt to reach a point total of 31. The goal of the player is to have a hand with a point total closer or equivalent
5 to 31 than the dealer's hand. However, a hand total of 14 beats any other hand, unless the other hand has a point total equal to 31. Additionally, if both the dealer and the player have the same hand, then it is a push, in other words there is no winner. The payoff of the hands is determined by the casino in which the game is being played.

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The point total of the cards is calculated based upon the card values commonly used in blackjack. In other words, face cards and tens are worth ten points, aces are worth either one or eleven points and all remaining cards are worth their face value.

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While playing the game there is no limit to the number of cards a player can request as many cards as desired and the player can double down at any time. When doubling down, the player only receives one additional card. Further, the player can split pairs into separate hands. The splitting is
20 preferably limited to four times, however, this number can vary based upon the casino in which the game is being tested. Split aces can have as many cards added to them in order to reach the desired 31.

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game of the present invention.

A detailed description of the casino card game is set forth in Appendix A included herewith and incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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Throughout this application, various publications, including United States patents, are referenced by author and year, and patents, by number. Full citations for the publications are listed below. The disclosures of these publications and patents in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.

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The invention has been described in an illustrative manner, and it is to be understood that the terminology that has been used is intended to be in the nature of words of description rather than of limitation.

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Obviously, many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the described invention, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

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APPENDIX A

Lucky 14TM

Rules: Player

- Player's goal is to hit or get as close to 31 as possible
- The player with the closest hand to 31 wins
- Any combination of 14 beats any hand other than 31
- There is no limit on number of cards up to 31
- Player can split pairs into separate hands up to four times
- Player can double down anytime, but may only get one card
- Aces count as either 1 or 11
- Split aces get as many cards as needed up to 31

Best Combinations of 14

(in order of highest to lowest)

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|---|--|
| 1 | 7-7 |
| 2 | A-3 |
| 3 | K, Q, J, 10-4 |
| 4 | Any other combinations of 2 cards |
| 5 | Any other combinations of 3 cards |
| 6 | Any other combination of 4 cards, etc. |

Rules: Dealer

- 6 or 8 standard decks may be used
- All jokers must be removed
- Dealer must deal two cards to each player
- Dealer's hand must show one card up
- Dealer must stand on 27 or above
- If both dealer and player have same hand, then it is push (no winner)

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Lucky 14

- Best of 14
1. 7+7
 2. A+3
 3. K, Q, J, 10+4+
 4. Any other combinations of 2 cards
 5. Any other combinations of 3 cards
 6. Any other combinations of 4 cards